

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

APPROVAL OF DRAFT CONTRACT MODIFICATION FOR THE PROVISION OF GANG INTERVENTION SERVICES IN THE POMONA/SAN GABRIEL AREA - SCHOOL CLUSTER 1 UNDER THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT

(3 VOTE; FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached draft modification to Contract #0078 FY01/02 with Art Share Los Angeles to include providing gang intervention services in the Pomona/San Gabriel Area (School Cluster 1), in the amount not to exceed \$68,381, fully offset by Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funds, for a period to commence following Board approval through June 30, 2004, and delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to finalize and execute a contract modification substantially similar to the attached draft modification, after final approval by County Counsel, and to extend the contract modification concurrently with the existing contract term for two additional 12-month periods, in an annual amount not to exceed \$273,000, contingent on available funds.

2 Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to approve the addition or replacement of any agency subcontracting with Art Share Los Angeles after approval as to form by County Counsel.

PROBATION: PROTECTION, CORRECTION, SERVICE

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# **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board approval of a modification to Contract # 0078-FY01/02 with Art Share Los Angeles (Art Share) to include the provision of gang intervention services in the Pomona/San Gabriel Area in School Cluster 1 (First Supervisorial District). Art Share currently provides gang intervention services in two other areas within School Cluster 1 under two separate contracts in the Highland Park/East Los Angeles and Bell/South Gate areas, respectively. As stipulated in the proposed modification, the services will include gang intervention services for gang-involved youth referred by the Probation Department, other law enforcement agencies, and Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Art Share will subcontract the majority of the required services.

On October 16, 2001, your Board approved a contract with the Public Health Foundation Entreprise (PHFE) /Project LEADS (LEADS) to act as a lead agency in providing gang intervention services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area in School Cluster 1. PHFE provided the administrative and financial support, while LEADS provided the direct services. In May 2003. PHFE notified Probation that they would not extend their contract past its June 30, 2003 expiration date. PHFE terminated its collaboration with Project LEADS resulting in the termination of their contract and leaving the Pomona/San Gabriel area without the services required under the JJCPA Comprehensive Multi-Agency Justice Plan (Plan). In an effort to minimize a break in services. Probation utilized its delegated authority to modify two contracts that Art Share held for the provision of similar services in School Cluster 1 under the JJCPA program. These contract modifications allowed services to continue in the Pomona/San Gabriel area with minimal interruption. Art Share subcontracted the services to LEADS who had provided the services since 2001. This provided continuity in the provision of services with a minimal break in service. However, the contract modifications expired February 14, 2004, creating another break in services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area.

As previously related to your Board, the Probation Department is assessing all JJCPA programs and services as it enters into its fourth year of funding. Based upon this review, the Department may restructure the JJCPA programs. If so, a solicitation process will be conducted for JJCPA services, including gang intervention services. Therefore, conducting a solicitation for gang intervention services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area at this time would not be in the best interest of the County. The recommended actions are necessary to provide the services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area. The modification to Art Share's

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contract will enable them to provide services following Board approval through June 30, 2004 and through any extension options available.

# Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Service Excellence Goal #1 and Children and Families' Well-Being Goal #5. Implementation of the recommendations will enable the continuation of services to ganginvolved youth that includes community-based intervention and suppression services.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The recommended contract modification will not exceed \$68,381 for the initial term. The contract modification may be extended up to two additional 12-month periods, concurrent with the existing contract and contingent on continued legislative funding and approval as to form by County Counsel.

The costs are 100% offset by JJCPA funds, which are included in the FY 2003-2004 Probation Department's Budget. The contract with Art Share includes provisions for non-appropriation of funds and budget reductions.

# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

On March 20, 2001, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to the State Board of Corrections (BOC) for Crime Prevention Act of 2000 funding, now known as the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). SB 736 (Poochigian–Burton) addressed the future of JJCPA and authorized the BOC to use \$116,300,000 for all participating counties for FY 2002-2003. Los Angeles County's allocation was \$32,742,714. For FY 2003-2004, \$116,300,000 was again authorized for all participating counties. The adjusted Los Angeles County allocation for FY 2003/2004 is \$32,612,056, a reduction of \$130,658.

The proposed contract modification will be for the period following Board approval through June 30, 2004, after approval by County Counsel. There is also an option to extend the contract modification concurrently with the existing contract term for two additional 12-month periods, in an annual amount not to exceed \$273,000 for each term.

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The scope of work for the contracted services includes providing gang intervention services to gang-involved youth, including transportation to and from service sites to youth attending specific schools in the Pomona/San Gabriel area.

The contract with Art Share contains all County requirements, including the hiring of displaced County employees and participants in the GAIN program, and requirements regarding contractor non-responsibility and debarment.

Probation will not request the contractor to perform services, which exceed the Board approved contract amount, scope of work, and/or contract dates.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS:**

On July 27, 2001 Probation released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the provision of gang intervention services under the JJCPA program in School Cluster 1. On October 16, 2001, as a result of the RFP process, your Board approved a contract with Art Share to provide the services in the Highland Park/East Los Angeles area. However, the contract awarded to provide services in the Pomona/San Gabriel service area, was not renewed after its second contract term ended on June 30, 2003. Consequently, the Department modified two contracts utilizing the Chief Probation Officer's delegated authority to minimize the break in services in this area.

The proposed modification will amend the current contract with Art Share to include the provision of gang intervention services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area, which is currently not being served, while the Department assesses all of the JJCPA programs. Further, since Art Share has previously provided services in the Pomona/San Gabriel area, they are in a unique position to implement the required services immediately, minimizing the current break in services. Art Share plans to subcontract the majority of the services to LEADS. This will provide continuity of services and provide the community with the required services in a timely manner.

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# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):**

Approval of the recommended action will enable the Probation Department to comply with the Plan's mandate to provide gang intervention services in targeted geographical areas.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD SHUMSKY
Chief Probation Officer

Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel